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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the first Office Action in the above-entitled application, mailed December 13, 2001, and allowing three months for response. This response is timely because it is being filed within the three month period set for response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute Paragraph 18 on Page 4 With The Following:

The partitioned circuit assembly 14 may also include passivation material 40 surrounding the partitioned circuit element 22. This is particularly useful if the partitioned circuit assembly 14 is intended for use in a hostile environment. Wires 42 such as wirebonds, may be used to place the partitioned circuit element 22 in communication with the plurality of connectors 26. An exploded view of the partitioned circuit assembly 14 is illustrated in Figure 4 for further reference.

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